Rec'd Phila. April 17th

Philadelphia
April 13th 1868

My Dear Dr

I was in hopes to have
met you here and have delayed
several days for that purpose. I go on
to N.Y. this morning. where I shall
certainly expect to meet you on your
way to Boston + may go along. I like
you may have a little time to spend
there. Please write me once as soon
as you know definitely when you will
reach N.Y. so we may be prepared to
receive you. Either Direct to Dr Torrey
or to his care U S Assay Office No 30 Wall
St. I shall be staying with some
relatives in Brooklyn. L.I.
I have my collection all here
and will want to overhaul before going
on to Cambridge

I have my matters with R R Co so far settled up that I have handed in a preliminary report & am to get up a detailed one at my leisure. They will want a botanical report & perhaps will allow me to get up some illustrations
I would like at least to get a good figure of the Dunopsis pabby (I forget how it is spelled) I have fair specimens & seeds
I have been to see Durand. His herb is rather scanty & goes soon to Europe to stay. The Academy collection is in bad order
Mr Perry President of R R Co is here now. They think the prospect good of getting Congressional aid
Le Conte is here as large as ever notwithstanding the loss of his "chief fair ship"
I shall be right glad to see you & Mrs C. My good wife has been here for 2 weeks and I hope will have an opportunity to make your acquaintance before leaving for Europe. I think I shall take her along to Cambridge If you stay long enough to go into private quarters I would like to join you.
They have a meeting of Botanical club- in N.Y. every Thursday. Try and make it so as to be there This week if possible. I fear you have been hard worked of late packing. and that I shall find you thin and care worn. I shall leave this with a letter from Dr Gray at the Academy rooms. Mrs Chas will meet

Very Sincerly Yours
E. E. Parry.

I have a broken Barometer to take to Green (broken tube) I shall try & see it repaired It is there to go to St Louis

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U. S. Assay Office

New York April 18th 1868

Dear Dr

Your note of 17th just
received. I may not get with
a letter so just drop a line
To say thanks you had better stop
and take the evening boat for
Boston via Bristol by which you
will secure a good nights rest
& reach Boston early in the
morning, time for Breakfast
I will also save you some trouble
in transfer of baggage as the
New Haven Depot is a long
distance from the Philadelphia
Landing. I don't think under
the circumstances I will go with
you as you will be so hurried
but will stop here & wait

your return. But I will go
down to the Jersey depot & meet
you on your arrival. when you
will make all your mind which
route to take. I saw Thurber yesterday
and made a partial engagement
with him for Monday. I think
I will also go to New Haven for
a day or two during your absence
only write me from Boston
when you will return. I have
that new pieces at my Hotel
Plate & will skip a specimen
in paper to look at on your
journey. If you sail from
here by 30th April you will
not want to take all your
baggage on & had better leave
part of it here
I shall direct them to Berylton
House in case to let you
before leave

shall be glad to find you
not reduced in flesh.
Buy a big lot of photographs
they will be in demand.
regards to Mrs L

Sincerely yours

C C Parry

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Clarkson
Xaffin = Boston
Bristol
Fallriver
Providence
Danvers
Newport
New York

Rec'd Aug 5th
Ans Sept 15th

Dr C C Parry

Westford Connecticut. July 17th 1866

My dear Sir

The Yucca [draconifolia] from the Colorado Desert I suppose from its general aspect never says flowers or fruits some remains of spikes show it to be that apparently but very shaggy with indehiscent? capsules probably in the section of edible fruits I expect we will have some fine photographic views of the Yucca forests I have a pencil sketch only.

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Then you & I will take a free ride to the foot
of San Francisco Mt. & collect those ugly yuccas
about Cactus Agaves & Yucca.
and catalogue his herb. if he would secure me a berth
as his curator. devoting my winters to the museum
till completed. "More Suo" no answer!
Well I hope to hear from you again soon. Much
& I shall expect to see you return

Rec'd Berlin June 2
Ans'd Kew. Sept 16th

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Department of Agriculture.

Washington, May 13th, 1869

My Dear Dr

I was made glad by the reception of your lengthy epistle of April 23d I waded through the Chirography skipping the hard words for a second perusal till I fully mastered the contents — I dont know that I shall admit you on my "brussels carpet" without taking off your sandals at the door being under the special care of an African "fellow citizen" will involve more respect than your letter seems to carry — But come nevertheless I will let you peep in at least, and show you your pidgeon hole !!

1st To business I called immediately on Prof Baird with your enquiries, with the following result, All the Italian Exchanges were sent to the Scientific Institute at Milan and have never been acknowledged. probably buried there so you will have to start a resurrecting Corps for their forthcoming 2d ly. The box you sent containing bones &c &c. duly arrived, without any direction or letter of advise "More suo." So they are in the cellar of the Smithsonian waiting your order Prof B. also said that the box was too heavy, would "cost considerable"

but nevertheless would follow your directions. So send them to me and I will see that they get in motion.
About Botanists Torrey is well & lively. I hear from him irregularly. Thurber is so so. but too much immersed in Agriculture. does little Botanical work. Wright in Cambridge (not in Cuba). Brewer, New Haven lately married and so laid on the shelf. Eaton going to make a Summer trip with Kings party working on the Mts East of Salt Lake. Hall busy farming and botanizing. Vasey at Richview not going west again with the Powell party which is likely to prove a failure. has plants for sale. Canby. been to Florida probably returned by this time, Bello in Illinois Schott well & hearty. — Palmer heard from at New Ft Wingate in the Navajo country, in time for the early Spring flora. on the San Francisco Mts. full of zeal. sends a bag of wild potatoes. Solanum Fendleri? of which 2 enclose you one says he has eaten them and found them good? something like boiled radish!!
I sent some to Horkel. I will send your message & keep him warm. he is a good fellow. and will do to put on the track. — Kings plants are in Eatons hands. we will get the 1st full set. but then going through those dangerous lands. shall expect a few

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entirely happen. The collection is said to be very full and excellent, Hayden starts with a party soon for Colorado. Take an entomologist along to do up the Botany! bad show for the latter, more hay! Vasey got very few things not contained in Hall's list I have a small set sent on to identify, will speak to him about saving some for you — Your notes on Agave, Yucca, & Cactæ, are very interesting, also hints When will you go to Kew, ? Palmer will do a great deal in that line this year and I shall spur him up; I suppose he can realize something from the sale, of such things which he need? I have not heard from Bolander. I wrote to him yesterday in reference to your enquiries. The Pacific R R is finished. (a last rail laid. but according to some reports badly constructed. Side A is finished and can now be patched up. last spike driven May 10th !! Prof J D Whitney goes in a Scientific visit to Colorado this season has written me for advise. I hope he will take some barometric observations. I advised the ascent of Major Powell talks of running through the Big Cañon this summer in boats. an hazardous trip of which I should fear the result might be disastrous.

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I follow you Earnestly in your journeyings, shaven when you get Dandy and sympathize in your fashionable inflictions. I suppose George is progressing finely will he return with you? More Danger of my manners than my morals being corrupted, in Court I fear Lafayette, from want of out door work. Poor Frank has been prostrated from his political pedestal, because he has not got a office for all good republicans they have found out that he is lacking in Statesmanship, and taken too good care of his own relations!!— The Pacific R.R. Kansas branch is in question. no more subsidies to be got. because they gave two much to this northern road. they can't do anything for a better Southern route. Title. The Northern Bulk gets confirmations and hunts somebody Will your house be done ready for you next fall? will you have a "brussels Carpet" in your heart. You must go into the poisoning business briskly the first thing. or your herbs will turn into an entomological cabinet!! You make good promises about writing. I am going to test them. be have a few Dunci Sure. but I have not my set for confusion I expect to visit Canby soon. I shall also go to Ky. in a week or so. and will write you "from. I want books, books badly. also a microscope. but write write of this another time. Mr R is still west. Theresa She would join me in kind regards to Mrs E. I shall think of you when I go to Central Park.

Muchal Expressions Sincerely Yours C E Parry

Nov & Dec 7
Am — 12

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

Washington D.C. Dec 3? 1867

My Dear Dr

I wrote you yesterday. to day I send by mail some fresh branches with cones of Pinus edulis and P. Contorta. Could you get them figured for the Department. what would it cost.? Our Commissioner wants to get hold of the work on forest trees. so long in your hands of Smithsonian and like to stay there. If convenient you will have to do up the Pines & write us later.

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Shall I send you Project
Index Geon. Part A You can
send us in return some of
your Monographs or Copy
of St Louis Transactions for
the Library.

The Pines &c came in
bulk collection from Hayden
"More Sto." I am afraid.

Let me know your C/f address

Sincerely yours

C C Parry

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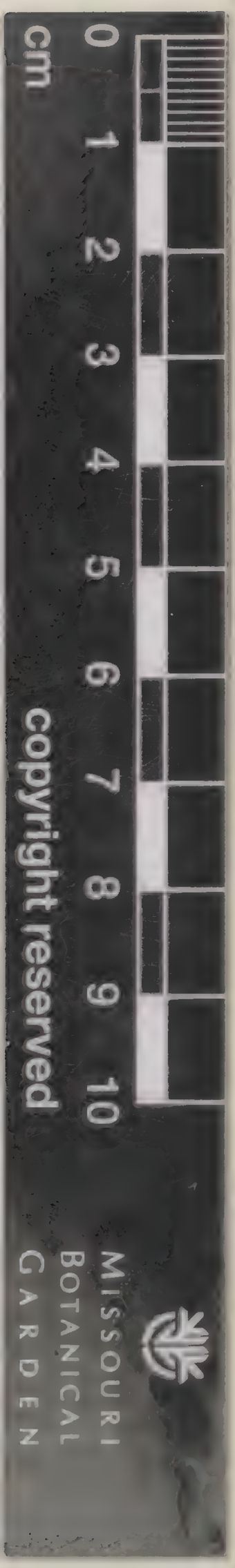

Rec'd Dec 31st
Ans Jan 8

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

Washington, D.C. December 25th 1869

My Dear Dr

A Merry Christmas!
but don't get offended because
I have not written before
wanted to have you get settled
with no body and mind, and then
I can write you by mail without
fear of embarrassment —
I have been going to send Prof Peck
but wait in vain to enclose
some plants of Palmer — &c &c
I have my hands full at present
and see no chance to waste on Brunet

(Parker — Hill —)

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I had a nice call from Eaton
not long ago.

I enclose part of a fruit
sent by Dr Palmer from
Southern Arizona no note marked 70.
description of the plant. It
seems his large seed for C
gigantens. You can pick out
some nice seed for your
European Correspondents.

Not a word yet from the
Microscope. I do not know
when to enquire or what to do
about it.

Don't know Parks address. I
suppose Washington D.C. will
reach him or St Louis does
you. You have not sent me

your new city address.

I had lots of things to ask
you but do not think of
them now — About that
N.A. Forest book. It was started
by the Smithsonian a dozen years
or more ago. It has commenced
and had some plates made and
about $1000 spent when Prof
Henry died off. and now he
wants sells us the work as far
it has gone and let us publish
Henry says that you & Gray
will take the Pines. and perhaps
the oaks. If we can get a
good appropriation through I. we
can pay well for the work to
be done. So get ready —

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Oh, I want to get Hayden's
Cactus. I wrote him that you
would be glad to get one of
them. If you had them,
Hayden is here. and as usual
scolds about your neglect of
his "hat" I neglected him still
more by putting the back of his
last collection in the waste
basket — he expects to take
another jaunt next week from
Montana. & we must keep on
good terms with him.
suppose he wants to see his
blackfeet friends. Must be off
and get the mail

Yours

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Rec'd Jan 18. 70
Ans 24

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

Washington, D.C. Jany 14th 1870

Dear Sir

I send you by this
mail two parcels containing
seed & capsules of Cacti
and Yucca &c &c

I am glad that that shot of
Cereus seeds hit and woke
you up but I can add no
illustrations. & cannot without
note or comment make an
old of the Cacti. I suppose
Dr Palmer is on his way
home otherwise we should hear
from him. last accounts he
was in South Arizona

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about that forest book. It is only talk as yet. I do not know how much was done but Gray & Torrey were engaged in it & can give all needful information. Dr Torrey is now with Gray. The latter under cover of his gray beard passed off on Torrey for an impertinent Hackman, and was answered by him quite short before he discovered his mistake. I have plenty more to send you when I can get around to it. Are you well supplied with material from our Southern pines? I have lately seen more

Specimens from Ravenel branches with cones, attached. Can you get a draftsman to work on the trees, &c.

About the Academy. There will be a meeting next April here, and of course you will come and see us. Mr Coste. Palmer send him more seeds of C. gigantea. E. Engelmanni Opuntia Ruperti, O. tomentosa &c &c. Echinocactus Wislizeni. Our seed of Cereus Palmeri have sprouted finely. I have a few more seed, which perhaps had better be distributed. Palmer send again Cereus

in Hunt's in flower! O
that I were to Darmstadt now
in that county to find flowers
No Man yet from the mountain
I am getting anxious. The only
Explanation I can think is,
that it has gone with the
Smithsonian specimens which
to fill up a larger box
hope Prof Braun can give
some light on the subject
Can you name Herbert Spencer for
me Thurber has given out
entirely — I have to write them
shortly & must at all events
write again soon
Yours truly
C C Parry

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Rec'd Febr 2d 1870
Ans same day

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

Washington, D.C. Jany 27th 1870

My Dear Dr

I do not know whether I answered yours of unknown date, in reference to Yuccas, but here it is pushed out of my pocket — I have no new items in reference to the Specimens sent.

The Yucca (intermedia) comes without note or comment but I find in here a Specimen from Bigelow with similar part- ial thurber Leaf; I send enclosed a leaf of this and some seed, marked "Bigelow" Yucca

Then here comes a Specimen of the true Yucca of the Colorado desert named by Torry Yucca, draconis var arborescens. a very marked Species. I cut a trunk Specimen of the species with leaves attached for Kansas Pacific RR - I saw the Specimen when in St Louis. last fall in the office of Kansas Pacific RR (over 5th & 7th) I think they would let you have it, if

you will take the trouble to ask for
A. Thurber also a few photographic
views of the species in the form of views
taken on our Survey which you can
also see at the Office. or I can get
you a copy of it here also one of
the Arizona Agaves

You ask about the leaf of the plant
(Agave) sent you from Palmer. I have that
marked spines on the edges of the leaf
about 2 lines long - and 3/4 inch apart
Yes we want seed of Agave -

I am going to write to the St George man
to collect full specimens of all the Yuccas
and Cacti of his region.

Palmer sent a parcel of live cacti
from Arizona in 20 or more parcels - but
all apparently the same. I will send
you a parcel soon.

Thurber has woke up to pay and
has sent me 3 letters in one week
with bits of flowers, and I now will
be a good time to get your plants
back

Do you want Carex to go in Cacti, and
sit in the Meeting of American Academy?

I have several letters from D D Whitney in
reference to elevations in Colorado. He
was out last Summer with a party
well supplied with barometers. and kept
a station at Denver. ascended Longs peak
and found others still higher west of the
Arkansas. I enclose you his last
letter (which you can return). You
will see that am height at Denver
is badly out of the way. and that
will probably be true of his high
elevations. Had Mr Hall Hooker still held
the peaks in the Cordilleras range —
Whitney was sent in California but
his address is Cambridge Mass.
I will write again soon and send
before long you Vol of Pringle

Yours truly
C Parry

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Rec'd Febr 15
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

Washington, D.C. February 11th 1870

My Dear Dr

I can only write you by fits and starts, and when I get at it I generally forget more than half I want to say — before I forget it let me say that our microscope has not yet been found!! and I cannot find out when the Rich S. 2d I have a fine lot of Juncaceae from Rhander including two ones of P. Torreyana (one for you). also P. montana & and numerous branches of

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P. Sabiniana ; also has ours
& Abies Patoniana ! What is
it ? and what is its history ?
I had a nice visit from
Canby last week, also from
Watson, & Knopf Ed Sunny
last heard from Palmer
who left San Francisco by Sea
for New York Feby 3d due
there Feby 26th ! I sent him
your letter to San Francisco
but too late to reach him
He writes that his collections
came by the same route
otherwise no news to tell when
he has been & what he has,
Dr — sent notes from the
Colorado River

I have furnished Hayden list
of plants collected in 1869
350. species. mostly common
things. among them is a
fruiting branch of Berberis Fendleri
red fruit and Engle shows
I have taken up the single
specimen with scraps. and
sent off several pots. for Dr.
one have come up nicely
and are now 3 inches high.
Two living seedlings of Cereus
Palmeri. Schott is to select
for you some sketches of
Yucca & Agaves. That Y. treculeana
(a good name) has never been
collected either in flower or fruit
I hope to get it from Mexico

Yucca baccata came up finely
from Mr Dean seed & I think
I shall have to put you up
and Express parcel containing
odds & ends. but will wait
for the Palmer arrivals
I hope to hear that you have
got settled. and have your
herbarium at work — I have
been very busy overhauling
Sub-trib. Secundiflorae ("More Summers")
& putting things to rights
Nothing late from Fremont
Fremont. Status quo on the Free
Soil - Henry. Miss Hill
Excuse this "slop dab" letter

Yours truly

C C Parry.

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Rec'd March 3d, 1870

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

Washington, D.C. Feb 26th 1870

My Dear Sir

Schott has just come in with some sketches &c of Yucca which I enclose. with the accompanying notes I also send in a separate parcel a Cone of Pinus Torreyana (no leaves sent). I shall send you soon some material in Acanthaceæ line. so as soon as I hear that you have your books and books in hand. Then I will also send you a fig of Pickeringia with some

plants enclosed

Schott being out of Government business has been overhauling his collection & brings out some nice named things which he has lost the credit of discovery. Viz Hesperocallis undulata Torr. Achyronychia Cooperi of which I lack specimens for you. The former ought to be figured, and if you could get up the analysis. I would get Schott to draw the figure

I expect Dr Palmer now every day. He was due in N.Y. yesterday. I hope he has a fine lot of plants with him. will let you know as soon as he arrives

I have in view a plan of a grand Botanical excursion. to include Hooker Torr. Gray Engel. and other smaller lights to go to Rocky Mts and across to the Pacific. next August if we must get a free pass on R R. So you must not get too deep into practice that you cannot run off for 4 weeks.

I see that I must write to you every week at a fixed time I must remember that I want to tell you

Sincerely Yours

C C Parry.

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Rec'd March 8th 70
Ans 10

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

Washington, D.C. March 4th 1870

My Dear Dr

Palmer has

come on all safe. has brought us

some of his boxes with him

more to follow. and the chances

are that some WORK on the

wrecked Steamer "Golden Age"

which ran ashore off South

California last month will

be all. hope for the best till

we hear definitely. Some boxes

are on the way overland

including the collection of the

Bureau of San Francisco that

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in August. The st ascended
to the summit and found a
patch of snow and some
alpine plants. Says the summit
is a sharp crater with a deep
depression in the center and a
broken rim. — He says he
thinks he has flowers of
Cantua. Says they are white
flowers in Oct and ripens
fruit next season ?!!
The Cereus sinuatus was from
Sonora (Altar) he sent
specimens of the plant at
the same time that never
came to hand. He went from
Tucson by stage to Guaymas
then took a boat for the

the Yaqui River. Thence by
sea to San Francisco.
As fast as the things come
in I will communicate with
you. I enclose some seed from
Watson. Have just received a
large lot of Australian seed
Do you want some for
Shaw.?
I am getting together by degrees
some "gnidiacies" as Tony calls
them. in Asclepias. Euphorbia
Daucus. &c &c &c Hope to
hear that you have your
herb. settled again.
Things are slowly working in
the tree book. Say has
written to the Commissioner

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I can recommend you for the work to get ready.
Schott is overhauling his old plants and he has been Schott over & not have his plants in yours or Sp's hands. He was the 1st discoverer of the Herpetocallis, and Achyranthes. I have specimens of both for you from Schott (and) you get the same direction of Herpetocallis that would answer to make a figure of? Schott might do the article —

I hasten Yours

C C Parry

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Rec'd March 10th
Ans same day

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

Washington, D.C. March 7th 1870

My Dear Dr Look Look !!!!

I must serve you

by piece-meal. for fear you should

get too much excited and here

is a Cactus seed. the most

remarkable I have yet seen.

The seed pods about 2½ inches in

diameter covered with bristles

exactly like a Chestnut bur-

are used by the Yaqui Indians

for hair brushes. The fruit

is entirely unlike any other

Cactus. the bunches of spines

closely set together, arranged in

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spirals bedded in dense brown wool &. and the thin shell smooth inside contains the loose seeds with fibrous threads intermixed like. Mam. phelospermma. Eng.

I suppose I had better send you the only capsule (to be returned) Dr P. procured only two specimens one of which I have opened to extract the seeds. sending you a sample. The empty pod goes to the Smithsonian as an Indian specimen The other unopened I retain to await your opinion. The seed we must scatter widely. There will be in the two pods. at least 1000 seeds & perfectly ripe. It grows in the hills near Hermosillo Sonora. Dr P. procured the specimens from an Indian. did not see the plant and all he knows about it is that it is a large spiney Cactus!!! It is difficult to get ripe pods on account of the birds that peck open the pods & eat the seeds. It must be a wonderful plant Let me know your opinion at once and advise me about sending on the pod to you ——— Several other Cacts. in the Collection among them a little Echinocactus from Carmel Island. and a jointed Cereus. with fruit & seeds from Jaymez — the fruit ripe of an Echinocactus of which the inside

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Inch & stem of the plant is
eaten — Then is second nice
parcels of plants from the mouth
of Colorado River & Carmel Island
that I have just now seen.
Much of them new to me. and
a great variety of seeds which
get spread. It will take
some time before I can look
them all over. Dr P does not
have an distinct recollection of
of the Cereus Palmeri. Said that
he sent with the last specimen
of the plants which never came
to hand. I have some nice
things for him, some superb
fine specimens — & single specimen
I found myself — Stegnosperma
halimifolia. Benth. B.R. Scrophulariaceae
looks much like some species
of Croton

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Rec'd March 19th 1870
Ans 29th

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

Washington, D.C. March 16th 1870

Rec'd March 19th 1870 Ans

My Dear Dr

Sorry to hear of your numerous afflictions. Hope by your health and equinanimity may be speedily restored.

Your cold must have affected your eyesight as well as hearing making me say "Allen" for Allan...!! Dr Palmer (now sitting beside me) Chances me to answer 1/10th of your questions - The Cereus Palmeri is still in the fog Dr P says he sent full specimens spines fruit & flowers of several species

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of which only the single joint
plant sent to you I came to hand.
It is no doubt neither C. Thurberi
a C. Schottii; — Dr P says he
sent (not received) full specimens
of C. Schottii. recognized at once from
Schotts figures in Mex Bd.
noticed the curious flowering stem.
He says that the Cereus
sent in my last package of
seed — is C. Thurberi, and it
seems to agree very well. as
the common Pitahaya of Sonora
notices the jointed stem. says
it is rarely over 6 ft high
a single life plant with 2 joints
from figures he says is the
plant — I have plenty more
seed, and no new fruit either
with Spines. — Seed of no
C. Fecten aboriginum have
germinated here. take out what
seed you want to distribute and
scatter freely —. no definite note
of this plant as Dr Palmer did
not see it. I am hesitating
about sending Cacti to you
now they are all planted &
mostly started in growth. I
should fear frost in the journey
but still if it is very desirable
to send they shall go, for it
is better to diffuse knowledge
than conserve it
Sorry you dont take kindly
to the Tree box. I think

the author of Mex. Bot. Cacti'.
can well afford to hold a high head
among botanists - just at present
But wait till you get over your
cold. - Say nothing in your
of Palmers things among them
a nice new sp of Yucca. Palmeri,"
I have good specimens for you
he makes it Colonia (Yucca sp.) Palmeri
Specimens of all the varieties you
ask you judgem hole - to reach
you in due time, I have not
your letter at hand to refer to
You write note me again when
you get over it

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Yours truly

C C Parry

Use enclosed envelopes, in your botanical
letters and to paste on parcels by mail

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Rec'd Apr. 9th
Ans 12

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Washington, D.C. Apr. 5th 1870

Dear Dr

I have just been going over the Yucca question with Dr Palmer. You will see some of the results in the package sent by this mail —

Y. baccata of A includes only one species is wide spread Land. Sterilis, Glauca, Baileyi, Torreyi, Mohavensis, Arizonica, Macrocarpa, Treculeana, Rupicola, Rigida, Elata, Radiosa, Aloifolia, Gloriosa, Draconis, Filamentosa, Recurvifolia, Pendula, Quadricolor, Concava, Carnerosana, Recurva, Angustifolia, Canaliculata, Pallida, Pumila, Brevifolia, Arborescens, Australis, Whipplei, Hesperus, Schottii, Treculeana, Elephantipes, Guatemalensis, Peduncularis, Filifera, Aloifolia, Gloriosa, Draconis, Filamentosa, Recurvifolia, Pendula, Quadricolor, Concava, Carnerosana, Recurva, Angustifolia, Canaliculata, Pallida, Pumila, Brevifolia, Arborescens, Australis, Whipplei, Hesperus, Schottii, Treculeana, Elephantipes, Guatemalensis, Peduncularis, Filifera

South Colorado (Hayden) Then by Palmer [12?] from N Mexico of which the Leaf sent (123) is from the same identical plant as the flowers sent last — Then 3d is a

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large tuft with leaves 2ft long
filamentous edges. I shall send
you one from Mt Virginia
so that completes all the material
I had of this species except the
accompanying notes of Palmer in
reference to Indian uses &c
But best of all is the clue
to V. intermedia. identifying it
with V. tranquilla. Engle. V. viarum
var arbrescens Torr. He speaks
quite positively of the identity of
branch & fruit He met with
the species in a locality somewhat
different from mine but agreeing
with the St Louis locality and
I should have the photograph of
the two specimens which he sent

was the identical one. You
will see a photograph figure of the
plant in the Series of Kansas Pacific
RR. and I think you could safely
beg a copy. if not I can get
one here, — So then all we need
is the flower and that the
St Louis Man must get.
It seems that the fruit is scarce
& Palmer hunted far & near to secure
his two specimens one sent to
you — I must see mine for
mine see? one in spring
only. but do not get alarmed
from variations of the leaves
We call by & get more fruit
from St Louis & test & Palmers
assertion

Something in the fog about Coat must take care the plants & flowers again & send your results - whenever you can name from the specimens sent please send according to the numbers

I expect Torrey then next week will write you while he is here Sorry you will not come in the Nat. Acad. - I feared from your long silence that you had been sick. and it seems I was not far out of the way. no letter yet from the Microscope. I fear it may not turn up - Dr Palmer has written that a large part of his collection was wrecked on the Florida coast - probably a total loss - he had 5 months as usual in a hurry & blind

Sincerely yours

C C Parry

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Rec'd April 22d

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

Washington, D.C. April 19th 1870

My Dear Dr

a few hours after your last letter came to hand the "pestilent microscope" with the box somewhat the worse for the voyage but contents all safe. Mr Ansell has been looking at over and giving me some directions as to its use. You can send in the accompanying Directions. Either in German or translated. If short of time can get Mr Schultz to translate it here it seems a pity unthumbed and I am

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You so much obliged for your
trouble in the matter

Tony was here most of last
week attending Academy meeting
I showed him your letters and
he said "I will send Englemann'
all my material to work up" and
Sard will see that he does not
forget it

Schaff will also send you
material for his species he
says *Y. pubenula* is not your
brevifolia, but *filamentosa* because
neither is *A baccata*. Different
in fact from a bear but
I will have him to tell him
own story. Soon he will give
me the parcel to send you

a few days. Would it not
be well for you to write to
Tony & to remind him of
his promise tell him to send
to me and I will forward to
you including any thing more
I may have. I send enclosed
more fresh leaves of our
yucca. *Y. brevifolia* from St Pages
which died a natural death
being cut off by the gardener
Schaff says to select a more
significant name than *brevifolia*
as his *pubenula* has leaves not
much longer than this. I will
in fact have all make again
soon Yours sincerely

C. G. Parry

I write you argument in reference to the specific difference of Y. angustifolia & Y. stenophylla. Your reasons are good but I cannot get you in that they are the same. Dr Palmer says no. but we will see further -

I think the Manzillania you enquire about was sent by Hayden he gave the two specimens then in a subsequent visit sent you them again. fearing that he might not get due credit. I meant at first to send you one. & now you can return the favor & send me one was it the common. Enclosed one like branch [illegible] something like this? You see I am getting to be a politician

C C P

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Rec'd May 2d

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Washington, D.C. April 28th 1870

Dear Dr.

I have in the collection besides various forms of Yucca angustifolia mostly from East of the Rocky Mts a Yucca baccata in different stages of bloom from Texas & New Mexico to California. The latter a garden specimen raised from Los Angeles seed by Bloomer which he has a photograph. must write him about it as that will be likely to settle some points in reference to the Geographical range of the Species — I send two seeds sucked out of the pod from Harrad Creek, Big in Whipples Rep 1, 147. evidently Y. baccata!

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Then *Y. aloifolia* Bigelow. Whipple Rpt pg 147 with tuberculate serrate edged lenear leaves. 14 inch in length. pod short dry. nearly as broad as long. 1¼ inch long 7/8 inch broad. (Seeds enclosed.)

Then from *Pecan Creek*. noticed in Rpt Whipple pg. 147. near to *Y. rupicola* but leaves thinner & with sparingly filamentous edges — (Seed sent) & *Y. Draconis* var *Arborescens* Wilson but leaves evidently *your breviifolia*.

Then leaves only of a species from Diamond River, Arizona. "in tufts on rocks" (Newberry) which I think is one of the species with tufted leaves in large patches bearing rich tall flowering stems (I send one of the leaves of flowers)

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

Washington D.C. May 3d 1870

Rec'd May 7th
Ans 23

My Dear Sr

Just a line
to say that I have got
Your parcel of Yucca
which I will look over
and such of mine as I
would be desirable for
you to see & send you
by Express. in a day or two

Yours truly

C. V. Riley.

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May 4th

I kept this over so that I can now add a line before sending. Mr Schott just in says he has your letter will answer soon — tomorrow he will bring a parcel of his sketches to enclose in this parcel (to be returned) I have looked over Torrey's parcel which includes mine & mine so that I shall not need to send you but a few I will add some notes to Torrey — It looks as if Mr Schott's Y. heterofolia Torrey Y. pedunculata Hook? is a good species I have not yet got off my botany for authorities to look after Engelmann

Why did you not come to Am Med last night as I was in town. I was just in to the meeting and shutting my eyes. I could imagine myself inside the Tower of Babel The inevitable darkie has risen like a sable ghost. and will not be laid till he is admitted. To change the subject I have not buy since a fine Cereus a Echinocereus from Utah, which is quite new to me. It is in good condition and I hope will flower — will make a description & measurements for you soon The Mammillaria arrived safe after its 2d voyage to Washington it is as I suspect from Hayden

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he found D nuttalii that I would
call D he- justicia & so Texas
refuge in Jan — Jno Fallan —
— Johnson — Van Hall Jones Botanic Ch
Coss Jean Juncea his name be
the specimens — he goes again
this time to Washington Terr
I shall send & get off Jan 1st a-C
this week but cannot write
I want to endose Euphorbia
Arcuata Vasey
Jan Jan
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I doubt if this is the true
Thurberi — more like
Engelmanni
a Palmer ... [illegible]

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HERBARIUM.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

No. Cereus Thurberi ? Eng.

Locality, Sonora.

Collector, H. H. Rusby, 1885

Rec'd June 6

Ans

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Washington D.C. June 15th 1870

Mr Asa Gray

Dear Sir

I got back from
a trip to Carolina this
Spring rather a short time but
succeeded in getting some nice
plants. I was in the highest
mountains of the Roan 6200 ft
above the Sea but as early
for the best flora —

I have now collection enough
and more than I can
attend to
I would like to exchange
a Hundred Varieties of collecting
there will be Lots of seeds
dried in Envelopes shortly
Yours
Asa Gray

I send you a description of a Cereus that has just flowered here. Specimen sent this Spring from St George Utah by a Mr J J Johnson. I can not fit it to any known species. probably. Palmer will also get it & then we will divide with you. It is a very nice plant with an unusual stock, you'll see it <u>Census</u>
Next week I start for NY on route for England. I have Engaged Passage on Inman Line "City of Paris" And sail July 2d
So you see my time is short after this week. Direct to Care of Mr Torrey at NY.

June 15 '70

I hardly know what I shall do yet in when I shall go would like to go to Switzerland but doubtful. I shall stay a full month at Kew and some time in Scotland. What advise can you give me in the best way of spending my time without too much <u>work</u> or Expense. I hope by the time I get back you will have got over the family sickness & ready to do extra work
Palmer writes from Salt Lake has got into the good graces of Brigham Young. She gives him letters of recommend to <u>Southern</u> Bishops to help him on

this way I have advised him
to put most from St Louis a
part with the Rocks and the
Red land of San Diego, there
valley, instead of from
the San Francisco Mt route
again. Plants come in very
fast & am adopting your
Plan of packing up bundles,
but I must not follow it too
closely - in admiration of your
other sterling qualities. Adieu
"Botanist in Politics"

That is a nice paper of yours.
Engineers. Please write me
receipt & oblige
Can do Tuesday
Very sincerely Yours
Geo Engelmann.

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Branford, N. C.
May 15th 1831

Dr C. C. Parry

Dear Sir

Enclosed you will find Cuttings of Pine which we call Short Leaf or Rosemary.

I cannot tell whether this is what you want or another kind which I will sent in a few days.

I will send you another package in a few days from the center of one of our large swamps.

Yours most Respectfully

Jas. C. Davis

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Washington D.C. June 22d 1870

My Dear Sir

Yours of 17th & 18th

reached me yesterday. just in

time to get answered before I

Leave - I must make up a

small parcel for you to day,

and then suspend for 2 months

Should you have occasion to make

any Enquiries in reference to

Cacti &c. address H. Brummel

Agricultural Department, Washington DC

I have emailed him to send you

flowering Specimens and notes of

all Cacti that flower while I am gone

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June 22 '70

I did not feel the necessity of
being very precise in reference to
a description of Echinocactus Johnsonii
(Cereus Johnsonii mihi) having
a nice healthy plant. here and expecting
more from Palmer. I send you
the only flower as yet. also Johnsons
address. Yes festa limi. he seems
to be a good Zealous fellow. with
bear criticism &c.

All but about Cinchona
being cultivated in U S. The
Department has quite a number
of seedlings and some nice plants
2 ft high. has distributed some
but no account of successful
out door cultivation. though the
question is being considered.

and of a suitable climate offers
will be tried —

Yes too late to send parcels to
Europe. The next fall boxes
all closed —

We have good seedlings of Cereus
Palmeri. shows the secondary ribs &
your spines 4 ribs (4) —

C. pectin elongin. Engl. also grows
well. shows 2. secondary ribs.
also C. Thurberi? I fear however
we shall loose them as they do
not get much care —

Yuccas are growing well. but I begin
to doubt whether the thick seeded pod
referred to Valida & Y. treculeana Engl
is correct on seedlings, show none
of the character of thick seeded leaves

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I leave for N Y tomorrow. to sail
July 2d — Should you have occasion
to write before that time address
Care Dr Torrey. After leaving address
Care Dr J D Hooker Kew &c

I now think I shall confine my
visit to England. I do not fancy the
galloping tours. at most I may go
to Paris. but must shut myself up
in Switzerland & form a
Everybody takes a great fancy to Mrs
Macnicoffe — may have taken the address
of the waiter & write orders instruments
Schott I have not seen since I got
back. I fear he is somewhat cramped for
means being out of employ & a family
of children. You do not know of any
of your physical difficulties. How I
hope they — Have you read the publication of
Roberts Illustrations of Can't you pro-
cure one? If you should
write from England. Farewell for
the
Yours Sincerely
J C Parry

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Washington D.C. June 23d 1870

Dear Dr

I wrote & send you a small parcel yesterday but forgot to enclose the photograph of Yucca brevifolia. which I have Dr. Thos P. I learn for you & then on the way for 3 months

Yours in haste

C C Parry

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Woods Hole
Aug 6th 1871

Dr Parry

My Dear Dr

Yours of Aug 3rd came yesterday and I hasten to answer it! The Agave flowers was collected on my way to Fort Yuma I should not have said at the same place of the seeds and capsules but near Tucson, and the habit and size of all the Agaves grown on the broaken foot hills of Southern Arizona seem to be the same and I felt sure the seeds, capsules, and the A. flowers sent to Dr. Engelmann in my Camp Grant collection (and which you say he may have confounded are the same) as I do not remember collecting any others that

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where collected by me in Southern Arizona all those growing on the broaken dry rocky hills of Southern Arizona Are small, compact, short thorns, the crown which is cooked and called (mescall) by the Indians is small thus this plant is not much used by the Indians.

In the higher mountains especially as you go towards Central Arizona the Agave is larger (longer, wider, thicker leaves the crown much larger ~~Agave~~ ~~Yucca~~ and are the choice food of Apaches when roasted, have sharper thorns, and are more succulent. Have allways thought these different from the other

Louesii must be stolen from me as all the specimens which he had collected up to the time of my arrivel at Fort Whipple was few and small. Saw and handled them he had no Agaves

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Notes on Agave

by Dr Parry

No 1. A. lechuguilla

Specimen in the collection sent - fl for &c. a very common species on the Uplands of the Rio Grande, from El Paso downward

[No 5 has distinct flowers!]

2 - 3 - 4 - 5. I consider all one species. The common Mescal of the Indians. It is found from the Copper Mines Westward to the Sierra Nevada, I remember taking notes of a specimen growing on the Coast near Mex B[illegible] line which I think is the same. It is abundant at San Felipe. when I saw it in flower in June

I have a photograph sketch of the plant from which my seeds were taken on 35° Parallel. It is on the lands of Kansas Pacific R.W. I will get you a copy & send you

nia. You might see if at the
place. Kansas Pacific cross Elm & 5th
St — It is a characteristic one
of the Mexican district near
San Francisco Mt. in the same
district is a Yucca. / baccata.
Y. baccata / I think the difference
in sex between mine & Palmers
is only a more vigorous growth of
the larger. & Palmers sup. flowers
No 5 & 4. belong to the same plant
[no!]
No 7. = 2-3-4-5, — These can hardly
be the originals of the Cultivated
A. Americana. !!
No 8. I send all the material I have
including specimen from Newberry marked No 8
No 6. (Palmer). will send more material
we have a live plant. Johnson can
send you material A. gracilis at St Louis
is A. parviflora!
9 — I send all the material I have
ask Dr —?

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Southwestern Agaves

nov 1870

see Torr. Bot Bound pg. 213 & 214.

Of the Parry, or Fremont ... collected ... Agaves

2

I have in my collection the following specimens:

1, 1907. Wright. A. Lechuguilla Torr: leaves, scape and flowers

2, "Mescal Agave" Dr Parry 1867 northwest Arizona, with the mem.: scape 6–8 feet high; leaves 6 inches long 2–2½ wide" Only seed These seed were distributed by me in Europe 1868 and germinated under the name of A. Parryi /, seeds rather large

3 Arizona, Dr Palmer 1869. Leaf, capsules and seed — Seed much as this belongs to section with paniculate branching inflorescence

4 Arizona, Dr Palmer (Date?) Label: "Mescal plant" — flowers only belongs perhaps to No 3 ? 187?

5 Agave, flowers only gathered by Dr Coues & Palmer in Arizona, at Date Creek June 6th 1865

6 St George, Utah, 1870 "flowers spiked, leaves very spinous" Dr Palmer flowers and leaf only A. Utahensis Engelm

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Torrey Bot Bound. p. 213 & 214.

7 Agave Americana β? Celsiflis — this be the same as No 1 or 4 ?

1 A. Lechuguilla Torr: probably = A. Bodingeri Baker. ... A. Lechuguilla

2 A. heminiflora var? Torr: Torr in entry enhances the with linear filamentose leaves — Scott ought to know

9 A. heminiflora Torr I do not know — any of Palmer's!

10 A. Virginica Torr does Engelm say this is the same as Virginica? Does figured from Virginia — Seems as long as panicle.

Que plant was figured and named A. macrosa by Hooker in Bot. Mag. of same year 1857. Collected by Coues exp by Schott near Cape Clear.

In No 5th bis = No 1? The flowers look much alike.

No 6 bis = dwarf panicle?? A. Utahensis — a form of A. Virginica.

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Nov 25th / 1870

All Agaves in the Collection of

Dept Agriculture sent this Day
by mail to be returned

will write again soon Enclosed Envelopes
to use

C C Parry.

Dr. S. L.

to Agr Dept U.S.

to a /100 bundle of Agave

Dr

Contra Cr

40

By Cash 10 00

Dec 31 " " Profit and Loss 30 00

Ballance

Recd

we send to Day in Can live plants
1 No 3 (Palmetto seed)

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Torrey & Herb. Columbia College N.Y.
Nov 15th 1871

My Dear Dr

Coming up here to see Torrey & look up some odds & ends I turn to his Journal of Agave which contains some hints, & interests (if you are not too far gone in Arcanthobium when I can't follow you)
Then is

Vol. A well marked Texan Agave with narrow leaves Thurber No 714. Chihuhua Aug 1852

Schott (flowers only) July 1855. Pimeria alta Sonora no leaves. flowers resembling Thurber

Wright 1906. flowers only; very large the style in this exceeds the stamens. while in the above it is shorter than stamens flowers very similar

" 2 Upper Texas. Mex Bd. A Americana var Blakeana Linn Mex Bd Rebel fig 243. half formed capsule with remains of flowers on specimen (indeed) — A leaf and sketch of plant & bowen leaves by Stanley Emory Reb Oct 19th also a nearly ripe capsule (like photograph A Parryi (Pictured fragment & seeds)

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(one enclosed)

" 3d. Flowers & Agave from Valleceto, K Engy Rep. p. 104
Emory Nov 29th 1846. (The same as described
by me. sent from Davenport last Summer.)
also a colored sketch of the bunch of flowers
collected and a Mass of lower leaves.
less unfarm than No 2. as described in
my notes sent from Davenport.

These seem to indicate 3 well marked
species in the line Mex Boy. perhaps may
help you to fix Palmers specimens —

Torrey gets a Specimen of Arcthobium has
been studying it will write you
My Matter at W as uncertain as ever
Watts is dissonate and is trying to fill my
place. offered it to Watson who indignantly refused
and to Schott. who hesitates. poor fellow wants
the pay badly. to feed his babies. Gray I suppose
will come out in Watts in next to Silliman
and an effort will be made to prevent Watts
confirmation. but politics uncertain except
in Japan!! I have your letter but not by me
just now. Back with my Love

James Hall

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To Dr George Engelmann

No 3003 Locust St

St Louis Mo

St George May 17th 74

By mail a head of Yucca brevifolia just within the mail limit 4 6 ft. Can also find Yucca arborescens in the Spring Mts. & a little S. Lee on fresh flowers. Have been traveling now the "Planet" a Term applied to Negro Cowboy etc. a queer woman that crawls into the cowboy's heart & makes a slave of him. Will write by next letter. Plants will keep. Thermometer 94° @ 65° at night. I expect to make a Rich Haul. Write towards Colorado

Ever

C C P